RAILROADMERGER MAY BE EFFECTED

Bills Are Offered to Reverse Status of R., F. and P.

PROPOSES TO CUT MEMBERS'SALARY

Earman Believes Economy Should Begin at Home-Many Measures Introduced-Commission Government Amendment Passes-House Advances Important Bills.

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SNEED TELLS HIS STORY

On Impulse of Moment He Drew Pistol and Killed Boyce.

Fort Worth, Tex., February 14.—John Beal Sneed, Amarilio, Tex, banker, told the Jury which is to determine as to whether he is guilty of murder that on the impulse of the moment he drew his pistol and "started shooting as fast as I could" the builtes that caused the death of A. G. Boyce, Sr., wealthy ranch owner, and father of the man he declares disrupted his home. This avowal came as a climax to the banker's dramatic recital of incidents preceding the ciopement of his wife and A. G. Boyce, Jr., and their detention in Winnipeg, Canada.

Sneed declared that during the afternoon preceding the killing of Boyce he had studiously avoided the catteman, but carry that night it was necessary that he enter the hotel where Boyce was stopping. His relative, J. H. Bowman, was with him. Sneed declared that as he entered the lobby he heard some one say: "Here comes the ———— now."

Roanoke Man Head of Progressives Are "Neu-Grand Lodge of Masons.

700 MEMBERS

Held in Virginia-All Present Officers Go Up a Step. Warm Fight for Grand Junior Deacon-Banquet To-Day.

Resolutions increasing the yearly Grand Lodge per capita tax from \$1 to \$1.50 and abolishing the degree tax

of Virginia Masons by the greatest crowd of delegates that ever attended a session of the State organization. It is estimated that 700 Masons voted on this recommendation of the finance committee last night, making the most successful Grand Lodge ever held. Under the new tax system. To cents will go to the Grand Lodge and 75 cents to the Masonic Home.

The recommendation of the committee on jurisprudence that the new "Methodical Direst" be issued was adopted by the Grand Lodge without dissention. This action is taken in order to bring the "Digest" up to date and the newser rules and laws of Masonicy will be incorporated in it. According to the estublished custom, all the grand officers of the lolgs will be advanced a grade at the election session to be held this morning at 10 o'clock in the Masonic Temple. Which means that William Luther Andrews, of Roamoke, present deputy grand master, will be elected to succeed Grand Master Merchesney, of Staunton. His election is unanimously conceeded, both on account of his excellent qualifications for the position and his present place of honor in Masoury.

Fight for Grand Junior Deacon.

With the election of the ligher officers already mapped out, a streamus fight will develop to-day over the choice of a grand junior deacon, the lowest officer in the scale. So divided

W. L. ANDREWS, REPUBLICAN ILLS GRAND MASTER FULLY DIAGNOSED

RICHMOND, VA., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1912.

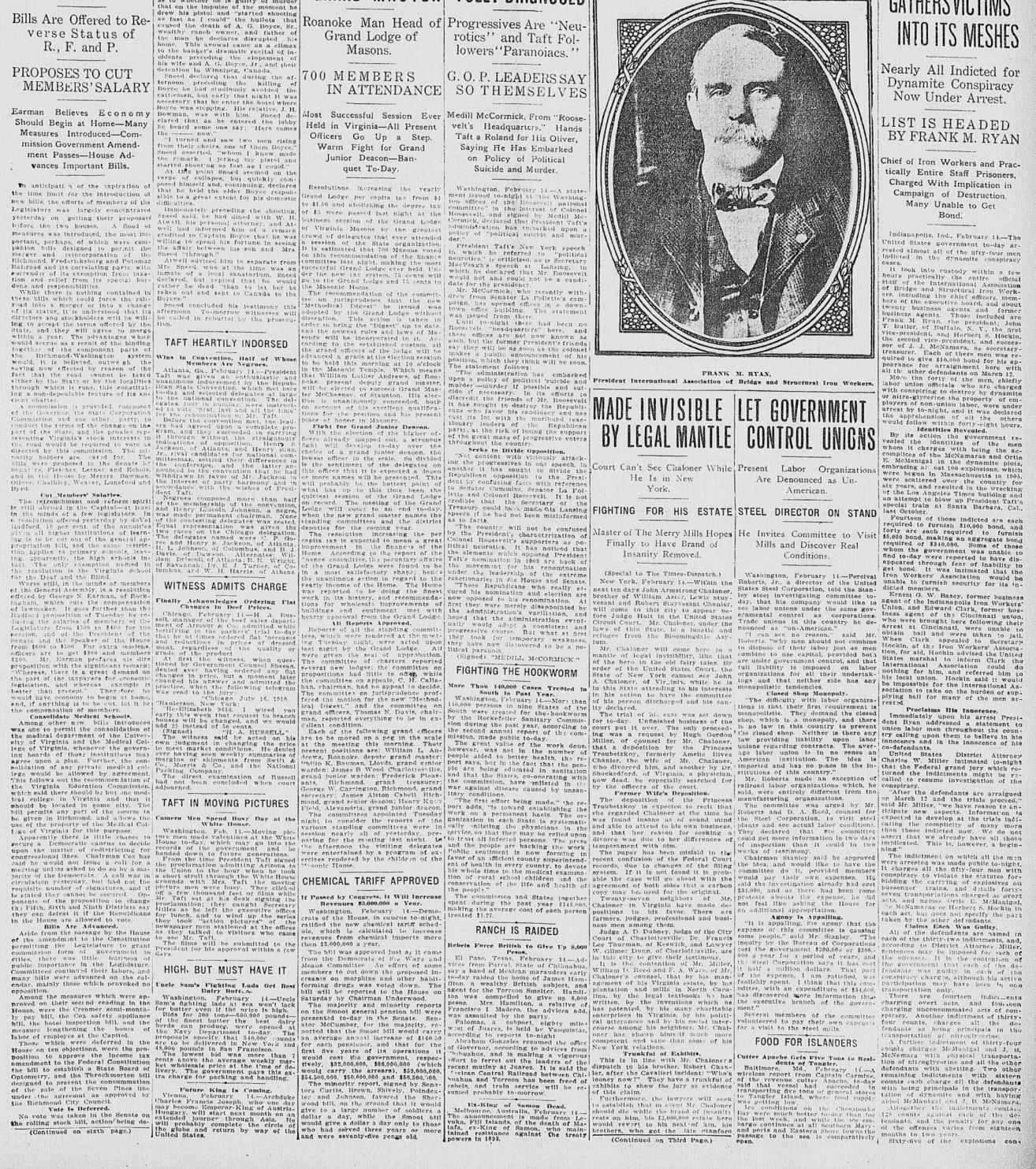
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G. O. P. LEADERS SAY IN ATTENDANCE SO THEMSELVES

Most Successful Session Ever Medill McCormick, From "Roosevelt's Headquarters," Hands Taft a Roland for His Oliver, Saying He Has Embarked on Policy of Political Suicide and Murder.

Washington, February 14.—A state-ment issued to night at "the Washing-ton offices of the Roosevelt national committee" in the interest of Colonel Hoosevelt, and signed by Medill Mc-Cormick, declared that President Taft's administration has embarked upon a policy of "political suicide and mur-der."

Heads List of "Dynamite" Arrests



FEDERAL DRAGNET **GATHERS VICTIMS** INTO ITS MESHES

Nearly All Indicted for Dynamite Conspiracy Now Under Arrest.

LIST IS HEADED BY FRANK M. RYAN

Chief of Iron Workers and Practically Entire Staff Prisoners, Charged With Implication in Campaign of Destruction, Many Unable to Get Bond.

Indianapolis, Ind., February 14 .- The United States government to-day arrested almost all of the afty-four men indicted in the dynamite conspiracy